

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023



B E L O N G



“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

MATTHEW 22:21

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, October 23	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio Franzese Fred Westhoff Nick Calderulo	The Zahorik Family JoAnn & Dave Urani
Tuesday, October 24	Mass	8:30 am	Jock Brown	Dave Grimes
Wednesday, October 25	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Kieta	The Cooley Family
Thursday, October 26	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, October 27	Mass	8:30 am	The Martin & Doonan Families	The Martin Family
Saturday, October 28	Mass	8:30 am	James Hronek Verona Whitmore	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hayes The Van Gorp Family
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Barbara Westhoff Ozburn	The Zahorik Family
Sunday, October 29	Mass	7:30 am	Marie Westhoff	The Zahorik Family
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Rose Wall	Donna Wasz
	Mass	11:00 am	Nolan Krolicki	The Krolicki Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Catherine Kodosky	Fred & Marilyn Ferber

Presider's Schedule for October 21-22, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins
Scott Aulinskis
John Baggio
Dorothy Burnicks
Dick Callahan
Jay Carroll
Chili Challender
Marion Coogan
Laurie Coughlan
Blake Donegan
Barbara Doyle
Matthew Doyle
Lily Fielding
Sophie Francis
Kathy Gleason
Lilli Gregory
Angela Hill
Dave Hyland
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Theresa Kandall
Mark Kiley
Rick Mahoney

Darren Masier
Lisa Massaro
Ralph Metzger
Patrick Morgan
Gert Ogilvie
Jane O'Reilly
Beth Pfluger
Geri Pfluger
Larry Plansky
Rob Roper
Anna Rose
Eric Skaja
Santa Snieg
Rita Mae Spearman
John Stopka
Mike Sullivan
Peggy Sullivan
Charlie Swafford
Richie Szatkowski
Olivia Tarsney
Theresa Toher
Liz Wilk
Bill Witowski
Dirk Witz

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Anita Chilson
Mother of Christopher

Frank Lake III
Husband of Rita
Father of Frank IV & Scott

Weddings

Kelsie Conway & Colin Madock



To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!



A Journey Through the Roller Coaster of our Faith Life

As babies many of us were brought to the waters of Baptism by our parents and Godparents and they made the promise to help raise us in the Catholic Faith. This was an exciting day for our family. We then became of school age and our parents either enrolled us in the local Parish School or the Religious Education Program. There we began our own learning and understanding of the faith in a deeper way. We received the gift of the Eucharist and went to Reconciliation for the first time with the help and guidance of our parents and Godparents. We then became a teen and were confirmed, and our faith continued to grow. We became involved in our parish Youth Ministry program and eventually got married through the church.

The story above is “ideal,” but definitely not the path that all of us experience. Some were baptized later in life; some were never Confirmed; some don’t speak to their Godparents or sponsors anymore. Some stopped attending Mass after Confirmation and only came back when it was time to get married in the church. Some come back to church when they have children of their own and want them baptized. We all have our own story, our own journey, our own calling.

We are all on a Faith Roller Coaster and they each are unique to us. No one’s rollercoaster is the same. We all have had moments when we are in our “ups” in our faith life and then many have experienced the “downs.” But one thing is for certain we always have God with us. He is the safety harness on that rollercoaster that will never let us go.

Last Lent, we had a number of our Parishioners participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey and the information we received from this survey is helping us to understand our SFX Faith Community a little bit better. It is helping us to be able to offer more opportunities where we can help and teach our parishioners how to enrich their own faith life so they can invite others to get on the rollercoaster again.

One of the questions that was asked on the survey was:

What drives a parishioner to share a personal witness story?

56% stated they are comfortable sharing a story about Jesus
BUT only 47% stated they are comfortable sharing their own personal faith story.

Our goal in the programs and opportunities that we offer at SFX is to have our parishioners become confident in sharing their own faith stories with others. Our own witness to the faith is what brings Jesus into the hearts of all those we encounter.

Our parish school and religious education program helps parents to journey with their own children through the sacraments and helps them to remember when they experienced those key moments in their own faith life. Our goal is to continue to plant the seeds into the minds and hearts of the children of our parish and their parents so that Jesus continues to be alive and present in all members of our SFX Community so they can go out and plant seeds of their own.

I am truly blessed to be a part of such an amazing parish with so much to offer our parishioners. I am here to serve our faith community and to help all those I encounter to grow in their faith.

We all should be proud to share our own personal witness story with those we encounter along our faith rollercoaster.

Peace and Blessings,
Elis Guidice
Director of Religious Education
eguidice@sfxlg.org

Healing Mass for Parents

Saturday, Oct 28 at 8:30am



Have you or a loved one lost a child?

No matter when or how the loss occurred and no matter where you are in your faith journey or your grief, Jesus offers both healing and a community that loves you and your child.

Gather on Saturday, October 28 at 8:30am
with other parents, families, and loved ones
for a healing Mass to remember
our children and pray together.



All Souls Day Mass Thursday, November 2 7:00 pm

We extend to you and your family an invitation to join us here at St. Francis on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 pm for our All Soul's Day Mass. We will be remembering, in a special way, all family members and friends of parishioners who have died since November 1 of last year.

If you plan to be with us, please consider bringing a framed picture of your loved one to set on a table in front of the altar when you enter.

Christmas Midnight Mass Choir: New Singers Welcome!



A special invitation goes out to those of you who have not been able to join the choir full time OR have been wanting to join, but just haven't taken that step yet. This is a call for those of you who have an ear and a love for singing to be a part of the St. Francis Xavier Christmas Midnight Mass Choir at 12:00 am on December 25th. The choir will be joined with the sounds of strings and brass to proclaim the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, October 24th- 7:00 to 8:00 pm**, and will continue every Tuesday evening through December 19th.

If you have an ear and a skill for choral singing, please consider this invitation, and experience the joy and beauty that music can bring during this special time of year. Interested singers should contact Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music Ministry, before the first rehearsal on **October 24th** at asterwalt@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168.

World Mission Sunday Collection

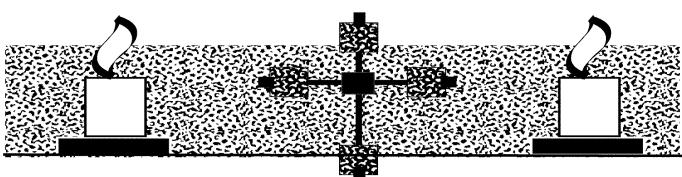


The week of World Mission Sunday Embrace the Universal Church with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday! Today, Pope Francis encourages us to reignite the fire of our faith and to go forth sharing that faith with others. As we gather on World Mission Sunday, like Catholics around the globe, we are reminded that everyone has a right to receive the Gospel. Our prayers this day and our contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith foster global missionary cooperation, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith.
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children.
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood.
- Education for 26 million children.
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics.
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly.

By offering our prayers and sacrifices we participate in the missionary movement of the Universal Church. Thank you for setting out with your own burning hearts and feet in motion!

To donate, [click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "World Mission Sunday" drop it off in the rectory mail slot or a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.



Veterans Mass and Reception

This year our St. Francis Xavier School 5th graders' service theme is Honoring Veterans and Active Duty Members. A component of their service includes writing letters to active duty members. In addition, the 5th graders will be hosting a mass & reception honoring our Veterans and Active Duty Members - this is set to take place on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

The 5th graders would love to invite local veterans/active duty service members to the mass and reception on 11/3/23. They will send personal, mailed invitations to the event to names submitted. This is where our 5th graders need your help!!!

If you are or know of a veteran OR active duty member that we can invite to the mass/reception please RSVP providing their name, address and current status to grade5service@sfxlg.org. If you have any additional information you can share about the veteran or active duty member we would appreciate it. Multiple names are welcome!

Questions? Contact Emily Czuba and Cathy Derus (5th Grade Service Leads) at grade5service@sfxlg.org

Religious Education News



Our In person Program Registrations are now closed, but registrations for our K – 8 Religious Education Online Program is still open.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:
Click "**[Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!](#)**" to register.

Welcome Committee Prayer Service Gathering

The recent Welcome Committee Prayer Service and Social Event was a wonderful way for new parishioners to come together for prayer and hospitality. Whether you are new to the parish or have been a parishioner for awhile, we hope you will join us next time we gather!

For more information about The Welcome Committee, please email, text or call Laura Duelm at lauraduelm@gmail.com or 708-309-9079.





Listening as a Universal Church The Synod on Synodality



As the Synod gathers in Rome (10/4-10/29), we pray with Catholics across the globe:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and

not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Parishioner Katie Mulcahy travelled to Rome (10/15-22) with the group, Discerning Deacons, to bear witness to a listening church at the Synod on Synodality.

Katie is pictured here at the Church of the Gesu in Rome, lighting a candle at the altar of St Francis Xavier for our parish community. Above the altar is the right arm of St Francis! "Come Holy Spirit, your Servant is listening...Renew the face of the earth".

If you are interested in growing the conversation about women at SFX, contact Katie at ktom@sbcglobal.net.

If you were inspired on St. Phoebe Day and want to stay up-to-date on the October synod, join October's weekly Rosary for a Synodal Church online at <https://bit.ly/synodrosary> and/or subscribe to Discerning Deacons' newsletter at <https://bit.ly/DDSubscribe>.

All are invited to pray for the synod.

SFX zoom rosary each Wednesday at 7:15 am. [Click Here](#)

Rosary in the Mary Garden each Thursday at 8:15 am.

Follow SFX Facebook for information on the synod!



Connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

Costumes in the Park

Where: Spring Ave Park, LaGrange
(1100 S Spring Ave)

When: 5:30pm on Friday, October 27

What: Your toddler can't decide on a costume? Break out a second or third option and gather in the park! Or just dress 'em up as a dino for the third year in a row. Either way: deck the family out for Halloween and join us for a Friday evening park playdate/social.

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night

Where: 5322 S Madison Ave, Countryside (subject to change each month)

When: 8:00pm every 2nd Thursday

What: Gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions? Contact mmcmahon@sfxl.org for more info.

Join our Facebook group:
SFX Toddling Together!

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’
It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly
in respect for human dignity.**

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB

Respect Life and Human Dignity Events and Resources

Month of October: Annual Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Donation Drive:

Envelopes available at church doors. Please drop off at Rectory or in collection baskets.

Online donations can be made at <https://supportwomenscarecenter.org/donate>. Choose the Chicago/LaGrange location.



Sept 27–Nov 5: 40 Days for Life: Help save lives through the power of prayer. For more information and sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Sometimes, victims of domestic abuse think they are responsible for breaking up the marriage. But the abused persons is never at fault. The United States Catholic bishops state in their pastoral letter, When I Call For Help, :We emphasize that no one is expected to stay in an abusive marriage." (Google: *When I Call for Help.*) The Catholic Church does not want anyone to stay in an abusive relationship. Victims are to be congratulated for their courage if they leave it. The one who breaks up a marriage is the one who perpetrates the abuse. Find professional assistance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. There you can chat with a service provider and find the domestic violence services nearest you. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. For more information go to www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org.

Gospel of Life Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life.

St John Paul II *Evangelium vitae*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A special thanks to our Prayer Shawl Ministry for sharing their knitting and crocheting gifts with our parish community.

The prayers shawl members received a beautiful blessing last weekend and distributed over 50 beautiful shawls and lap blankets for parishioners in need of comfort and prayers.



Our next meeting will be at Unity Hall on **Wednesday, November 8 from 4:00-5:00pm**.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.

Family Outreach Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2023-24 school year are: November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking or 11:30AM-1:00 PM: Food serving and clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register [click here](#).



Register NOW
for the
Falcon 5K
Run/Walk
www.SFXfalcon5k.com
Saturday
November 4th
8:00 am

Open Staff Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

We continue the search for a new person to fill this position. The position description can be revised to accommodate a part time person; or expanded to cover one program that ministers to teens from both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes.

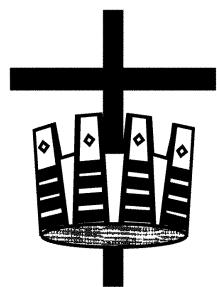
Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (theology or pastoral ministry preferred, but not required)
- Excellent people skills with a heart for high school youth
- An approach to ministry rooted in personal prayer and scriptural reflection
- Experience working in a collaborative environment
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able and willing to work evening and weekend hours

If you or someone you know is qualified and interested, please contact Fr. Bill at wtkachuk@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168 x302.

Benet Academy Open House

Sunday, October 29 from 1:00-3:00 pm.
Register at www.benet.org
2200 Maple Avenue in Lisle
630-719-2800



Give to the
LORD the

glory due
his name

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

High School Guys and Girls Church League Basketball

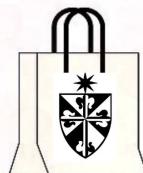


High School Guys League Fee \$150
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit
or electronic check.

High School Girls League Fee \$100
[Click here](#) for online registration.

[Click here](#) to pay online via credit
or electronic check.



Fenwick Mothers' Club Black and White Shopping Night

Bring a neighbor, friend or family member to
SHOP, SIP and SOCIALIZE

Thursday, October 26
6:30-9:30 pm
The Priory
7200 Division Street, River Forest

Scan the QR Code to sign up today!
\$25 per person, early registration is
appreciated!



Nazareth Academy Fall Open House

All families are welcome to learn more about Nazareth Academy at their Fall Open House. Visit on Sunday, October 29, for a 10:00 am presentation or Monday, October 30, for a 6:30 pm presentation. Space is limited and Registration is required at www.nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Jason's deli®

FUNDRAISER

15% of sales benefit

St. Francis Xavier Religious Education

October 29, 2023 at 11:00 am to 9:00 pm CST

Mention this fundraiser to your cashier when dining in
to make sure your organization gets credit for your
purchase. We appreciate you using Jason's Deli to
support your fundraising needs.



Jason's Deli, 2060 YORK RD



With Special Guests

'85 Chicago Bear &
Super Bowl Champion

Tom Thayer

Voice of the
Chicago Bears

Jeff Joniak



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

JOYCE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER AT 7:00 PM

\$100 PER PERSON

*Cost for Senior members is a donation
to the Men's Club. See below for details.**



**SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE**



Price Includes:

Full BBQ Spread by Beach Ave BBQ!

Open Bar ★ Beer ★ Wine ★ Soda



Register today at: sfxpigroast.com

*All male parishioners age 70 and over contact Matt Hubert directly at mthubert@gmail.com or 773-619-0554

Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com or Erin Thunander erin.thunander@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.



Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, please register in advance at: www.csjthewell.org/offering/.

Called to Ecological Conversion Retreat on Monday, October 30 from 9:30am-12:30pm with Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ. Look around; our human life has gotten out of whack. The state of the world is calling us personally and as a human community to an ecological conversion, with no time to waste! What is it that is yours to do in this moment of now or never? Cost: \$35.



Tell the Lord's glory among the nations,
among all peoples. Give the LORD glory and honor.

©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

Engage Community – Fall Events

Our next formal gathering will be on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX. Sr. Pat Bergen from The Well Spirituality Center will be leading a discussion: What is happening and Where on Earth is God? A timely topic. So that we can plan, please RSVP at the email below by October 23.

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

All RSVPS to
janeLGPark@gmail.com.



SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



Knights of Columbus Food Drive Thank You!

Craig and Carol Jacklin

A special thank you to everyone who donated to the Knights of Columbus Food for Families drive. The food drive was a great success. **A total of 300 bags of food were collected along with monetary donations of just over \$1,300.**

We appreciated all of the volunteers who distributed flyers, picked up donations, worked at the rectory to intake items, assisted at Jewel in LaGrange Park, and helped to unload the cars after Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass. None of this could happen without you!

Special thanks to Mike Hattie for managing this ministry for 11 years and providing his guidance and support. We appreciate all of the efforts of this year's leaders Carol and Craig Jacklin.

Everyone involved made a difference! Thank you!



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

65 E. Wacker Drive Place
Suite 1620
Chicago, IL 60601
Ph. 312-368-1066
Fx. 312-368-1090

108 E. Cook St.
Springfield, IL 62704
Ph. 217-528-9200
Fx. 217-528-7214

www.ilcatholic.org
Diocese of Belleville
Archdiocese of Chicago
Diocese of Joliet
Diocese of Peoria
Diocese of Rockford
Diocese of Springfield-in-IL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high—for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ Blase J. Cupich

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

+ Thomas John Paprocki

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

+ Michael M. Govean

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

+ Louis Tylka

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria



Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Felix Estrada, U.S. Army**—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- **Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army**—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- **Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy**—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Andrew Allison
Phil Gianatasio
Margaret McMahon
Mary Freeman
Rev. William Killeen
Rev. Stan Ilo

wtkachuk@sfxlg.org
rmilek@sfxlg.org
aallison@sfxlg.org
pgianatasio@sfxlg.org
mmcMahon@sfxlg.org
mfreeman@sfxlg.org

Education Ministry

Parish School Principal
Assistant Principal
School Office Coordinator
Parish School Secretary
Director of Marketing & Enrollment
Tuition Accounts
Director of Religious Education
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Sharon Garcia
Janice Carr
Ashley Augustyniak
Peggy Evans
Erin Smith
Jane Bandyk
Elis Guidice
Cindy Johnson

sgarcia@sfxlg.org
jcarr@sfxlg.org
aaugustyniak@sfxlg.org
pevans@sfxlg.org
esmith@sfxlg.org
jbandyk@sfxlg.org
eguidice@sfxlg.org
cjohnson@sfxlg.org

Youth Ministry

Coordinator

TBA

youthminister@sfxlg.org

Music Ministry

Director

Allen Sterwalt

asterwalt@sfxlg.org

Parish Office Staff

Director of Operations
Director of Stewardship and Development
Parish Accountant
Pastor's Secretary
Parish Secretary
Staff Secretary
Facilities Manager

Peter Brown
Jennifer Zeisloft
Jane Bandyk
Maureen Pipal
Melissa Westerhoff
Debra Soulje
Antonio Franceschi

pbrown@sfxlg.org
jzeisloft@sfxlg.org
jbandyk@sfxlg.org
mpipal@sfxlg.org
mwesterhoff@sfxlg.org
dsoulje@sfxlg.org
afranceschi@sfxlg.org

Contact Information

Parish Office 124 N. Spring 708-352-0168
St. Francis Xavier Day School 708-352-2175
School of Religious Education 708-352-4555
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) 708-352-0168
Fax Number 708-352-4904
e-Mail sfxinlg@sfxlg.org
Main Day School e-Mail sfxmain@sfxlg.org
Main Religious Education e-Mail sfxreligions@sfxlg.org
Parish Web Site www.sfxlg.org

Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning 9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday) 8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

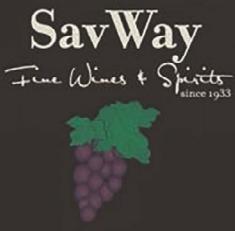
All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



We grew up, live, and work here so we are dedicated to bettering our community.

3 Year/36,000 Mile Warranty

**708.352.8800
LA GRANGE PARK**



**3821 S. York Road, Oak Brook
630-325-6550
www.savwaywines.com**

Quality Work – Reasonable Prices

DEMMIS PLUMBING & SEWER



Lic# 055-044826
Ask for a PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

708.420.0806 EMERGENCY SERVICE

www.demmisplumbing.com



Jim Donahue
State Farm® Insurance Agent
50X Parishioner
Auto, Homeowners, Condo,
Renter, Personal Articles,
Business, Life, & Pet
www.jimdonahue.com

Donahue Insurance Agency Inc.
1005 E. 31st St.
La Grange Park, IL 60523

708-354-1616



The Lehman Group



Selling homes in St. Francis Parish for 45 years!

Patricia Lehman
708-507-0162



219 W. Hillgrove, LaGrange, IL 60525



INNOVATIVE COUNSELING PARTNERS
Depression - Anxiety - Child & Family Therapy
Grief/Trauma Counseling - Marriage Counseling
Offices in Oak Park, North Riverside & Hinsdale
773-312-3612 • www.InnovativeCounselingPartners.com



Experience matters
Joe Thorne
St. Francis Parishioner
708-205-9028

Areas: La Grange, La Grange Park,
Western Springs, Brookfield,
La Grange Highlands, and surrounding areas

@properties



DERMATOLOGY
Dr. MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE
BOARD CERTIFIED DERMATOLOGIST

1415 W. 47th St. La Grange, IL
APPOINTMENTS CALL: 708-765-3111

WWW.ILLINOISDERM.COM

WAGNER & KLEIN GROUP

MASONRY & BRICK WORK

TILE WORK

KITCHEN & BATH

REMODELING

WATERPROOFING

AFFORDABLE PRICES

708-737-2549

708-717-2974

wagnerkleingroup@gmail.com



**Tired of
those smelly,
dirty trash cans?**

- Trash Bin Cleaning
 - Fleet Washing
 - Pressure Washing
- 708.438.5499**
info@blastbincleaning.com
www.blastbincleaning.com

Base Fit Performance

Steve Gray/ Owner

- basefitperformance.com
- www.facebook.com/BaseFitPerformance
- www.instagram.com/base_ilinois
- IG handle @base_ilinois



Stronger. Fitter. Faster.

The Base Fit Performance Promise

catholicmatch[®] Illinois



CatholicMatch.com/IL

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets

833-287-3502

R.W.S.

WHERE YOUR LANDSCAPING DREAMS COME TRUE!



• LAWN MAINTENANCE
• LANDSCAPE DESIGN
• SNOW PLOWING
• & SALTING
(COMMERCIAL)
• LANDSCAPE LIGHTING
• DRAINAGE WORK
• JUNK REMOVAL

QUALITY CARE | DISCOUNT PRICES
FREE ESTIMATES

CALL ROBBIE AND DONNIE

708-489-6333

rwslandscapinginc.com

f

JACKSON SQUARE

ANTIQUES | VINTAGE | HOME DECOR | FURNITURE



Now offering consignment!

112 E Burlington Ave, La Grange
www.jsqmall.com • (708) 352-4120



CARPET • HARDWOOD • RUGS
Tom Cunningham - Parishioner & Alum
LA GRANGE 708-352-3535
Kensington & Hillgrove
DeSitterFlooring.com

Are you a Helper?

Become a Caregiver!

- Help seniors with day-to-day life
- Great for students, retirees
- We'll train you!
- Highly-rated, locally owned

708.783.1220

Home Helpers[®]
Home Care

Parishioner:
Brian P. Davis, Owner
Dominica Davis, LCSW



Experience the Difference
Office Locations:

La Grange | **708.352.4500**

Oak Park | **708.848.5900**



awesomebraces.com

THREE SOUTH WAIOLA AVE., LA GRANGE ROBERT T. CORTE, D.D.S.

PARISH MEMBER

www.cortedental.com **708-354-1003**

Mark Kolecke Plumbing

A local LaGrange Company

Mark Kolecke - Licensed Insured Plumber

PL# 196-441 / SL# 055-043-012

Emergency Service
Camera Inspection • Hydro-Jetting
Sewer & Drain Rodding

(708) 743-8437

MKolecke@gmail.com

Web: www.koleckeplumbing.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Francis Xavier, La Grange, IL

A 4C 01-4054



DUPLEX ELECTRIC
708-387-9400

Expert Troubleshooting
Electrical Rehab/Repair

Greg Fiflis - Parishioner
www.duplexelectricservice.com



The Heraty Christensen Group

Celine Heraty & Jean Christensen
Real Estate Brokers | Professional Stagers
SFX Arts & Environment Committee
In Our Church & in Our Client's Homes,
We Take Pride in Creating Beautiful Spaces.

YourSuccessOurGoal.com
@properties

Call Us For a Complimentary Consultation!
Celine: 708.261.5742 | Jean: 708.218.3904



~ One Family Owned and Operated ~

www.HitzemanFuneral.com | 708-485-2000
9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513



Conboy's Westchester
Funeral Home
10501 W. Cermak Rd.
Westchester, IL
708-562-5900



Emergency Plumbers
773-424-0363
INFINITY247.COM
• Parishioner Discount •



We Take Service Personally

Contact us today for a customized, reliable
waste management, recycling, or dumpster quote.

✿ 630-261-0400 ✿

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Jeff Hansen

jhansen@4LPI.com
(800) 950-9952 x2683



Free Roof Inspection
708-253-2561
www.HeritageRoofers.net

State Licensed,
Bonded & Fully Insured



Morna Freitas Photography
Fine Art Portrait Studio
• Dance • Gymnastics
• Performing Arts • Headshots
• Graduates • Families
mornafreitaspotography.com

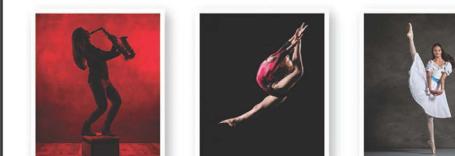


The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph
are inviting lay individuals to live with them at Joseph House,
1515 W Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park.
Assisted living apartments now available.

For a tour contact Ron Molitor at
708.482.1279 • rmlitor@cjinitiatives.org • www.cjinitiatives.org/la-grange-park/

SSTi store
technology
Point of Sale Equipment
708-588-1773
Parishioner
www.storesystech.com

SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS!



Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



\$99
Installation*

Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with
your FREE in-home estimate

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration
CALL NOW 708-462-6373



LeafGuard®
is guaranteed never to
clog or we'll clean it for
FREE*

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

*Guaranteed not to clog for
as long as you own your home,
or we'll clean your gutters for free.
NO CONTRACTING

ENGLERT LeafGuard®
Get it. And forget it.™



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4pi.com

St. Francis Xavier, La Grange, IL

B 4C 01-4054